

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE SECRETARY

Scowcroft reports that:

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INSTRUCTIONS
APPLY

-- you've convinced the President
of the need to be tough on the
Israelis;

-- Ingersoll wants to sit in on
Ford/Talbot meeting.
OK _____ No ✓

-- Dobrynin and Rumsfeld are
planning to have lunch
OK _____ No ✓

*until
I return* -- Simon says the way we are
handli ng food and oil policy
making is disgraceful.

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NOVEMBER 4, 1974

TO: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

1. THE PRESIDENT CALLED ME IN THIS AFTERNOON TO READ YOUR MEMO ABOUT TALKING TO DINITZ/SHALEV. HE SAID AT THE OUTSET, BEFORE I HAD MADE ANY COMMENT, THAT HE THOUGHT IT SHOULD BE DONE BUT HE HOPED IT DID NOT HAVE TO HAPPEN BEFORE THE ELECTIONS. I EXPLAINED THAT IT SHOULD TAKE PLACE SOMETIME ON WEDNESDAY AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONVEYING TO THE ISRAELIS THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH THEY MUST FACE THE NEW SITUATION. THE PRESIDENT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD VERY CLEARLY AND AGREED COMPLETELY THAT WE HAD TO BE VERY TOUGH IF THE SITUATION WAS NOT TO STALEMATE OR FALL APART. I HAD NOT AT THAT TIME RECEIVED HAKTO 109, BUT WILL GO OVER IT WITH THE PRESIDENT BEFORE HE TALKS TO SHALEV. I THOUGHT I WOULD TRY TO SET THE MEETING FOR SOME TIME WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON. THE PRESIDENT IS OBVIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST AND YOUR MESSAGES HAVE DEFINITELY GOTTEN ACROSS THE IDEA THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANCE AT ALL UNLESS WE ARE VERY TOUGH WITH THE ISRAELIS.

2. INGERSOLL HAS ASKED ME TWICE NOW TO ATTEND THE MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT TOLBERT TOMORROW. MY STRONG PERSONAL FEELING IS THAT HE SHOULD NOT. ~~REPEAT NOT, REPRESENT~~ YOU IN THE PRESIDENT'S MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN LEADERS WHEN YOU ARE AWAY, BUT IF YOU FEEL OTHERWISE, I WILL INCLUDE HIM TOMORROW.

3. DOBRYNIN HAS INVITED DON RUMSFELD TO LUNCH. DO YOU HAVE ANY VIEWS ON WHETHER OR NOT HE SHOULD ACCEPT?

4. BILL SIMON CAME BY TO SAY THAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS A DISGRACE THE WAY YOUR FOOD SPEECH AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, OUR OIL/ENERGY POLICY WAS BEING CONSIDERED AND COORDINATED IN MASS MEETINGS. HE SUGGESTED THAT I START DRAFTING A LETTER FROM YOU AND HIM TO THE PRESIDENT WHICH WOULD SET FORTH ALL THE WORK WHICH HAD BEEN DONE BY THE TWO OF YOU IN QUIETLY DEVELOPING A COORDINATED OIL/ENERGY/ECONOMIC POLICY AND RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT THAT THIS SUBJECT CONTINUED TO BE DEALT WITH IN THIS WAY. SIMON SAID THAT BILL EBERLE IS TRYING VERY HARD TO GET HIMSELF INVOLVED. INTERESTING, NO?

WARM REGARDS.

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